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SUBJECT: MHBK - (Hungarian Veterans' League) Activities in the US

1. An untested source of this division has furnished the following information on the MHBK (Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Kozossege) an organization composed of ex-Hungarian officers.

a. In the District of Columbia MHBK consists of from twenty to thirty-five members, who hold meetings in Sholl's Cafeteria on Connecticut Avenue. According to source the members violently criticize the US at their meetings. This group frequently forces other Hungarians to join them and beats them up if they do not comply. Some of the more prominent members of this organization in the District of Columbia are Franz Braunecker, Ladislaus Vador and the Agh brothers. The latter are considered very dangerous. These men have all applied for US citizenship.

b. In New York City the MHBK meets at the Great Northern Hotel on Fifty-seventh Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues. Two of the leaders of this organization in New York are Pastor Ladanye and Tibor Eckhardt. Eckhardt, who was a high-ranking Nazi during World War II, maintains an office on Broadway under the guise of a marketing and research business. Actually, according to source, Eckhardt acts as a money exchange for Soviet agents in the US. Another member of this organization is Alexander Fayer, who travels with a Paraguayan diplomatic passport. Fayer is now living in New York where he is acting as a representative of Duke Albrecht of Hapsburg, a former Nazi. Fayer is trying to sell Albrecht's jewels in order to raise funds.

c. Source estimates that there are about 180 to 200 members of the MHBK now active in Paris, France.

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